

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A headrest for a patient-bearing surface, comprising:

with a rigid support shell, the support shell having an approximately horseshoe-shaped form; and

a support cushion releasably connectable with the rest support shell, characterized in that:

wherein the [[rest]] support shell has an approximately horseshoe-shaped form with includes a central section for supporting the rear or forehead of a head of a patient, which central section has and having a support surface of approximately spherical shell shape, and with two side sections spaced from one another, the side sections each having a [[the]] support surface surfaces of which side sections conform at least approximately [[to]] a common cylindrical surface shape whose axis runs parallel to a line of symmetry of the head support shell running between the side sections with there being, and a cheekbone support on each of the side sections, each which cheekbone support projects projecting in the direction toward the other side section.

2. Cancelled.

3. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein the rest support shell is made of plastic.

4. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein the support cushion on its side facing the rest support shell carries at least two stick pins designed for insertion into through going bores in the rest support shell.

5. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 4, wherein the stick pins each have a cylindrical shaft which the cylindrical shaft ~~has~~ having an elastically resilient band with an external diameter slightly larger than ~~the~~ a diameter of ~~said~~ the bores.
6. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein ~~it is the support shell is~~ divided into two mirror image similar partial ~~supports~~ shells along ~~its~~ the line of symmetry.
7. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein the ~~headrest support shell or~~ each partial ~~rest shell~~ is connected to a fastening block for holding ~~it~~ the support shell or partial shell to a profiled rail.
8. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein an eye is formed on the outer edge of each side section ~~is formed an eye~~ for the fastening of a belt ~~for fixing to fix~~ the head of ~~at~~ the patient to the headrest.
9. (New) A headrest for a patient-bearing surface comprising:
a rigid support shell having an approximately horseshoe-shaped form;
and
a support cushion releasably connectable with the support shell;
wherein the support shell includes a central section for supporting the rear or forehead of a head of a patient and having a support surface of approximately spherical shell shape, two side sections spaced from one another, the side sections each having a support surface of approximately a common cylindrical shape whose axis runs parallel to a line of symmetry of the support shell, and a cheekbone support on each of the side sections, each cheekbone support projecting toward the other side section; and
wherein the side sections include end portions separated from each other to define an open region for mouthparts of the patient's face to fit therein.